

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): Method for cleaning a transport belt, comprising the steps of:
positioning a solvent-bearing cleaning web in non-contacting juxtaposition to a transport surface of the belt;
positioning a dry cleaning web downstream of the cleaning web in non-contacting juxtaposition to the transport surface of the belt; and
selectively repositioning both the solvent-bearing cleaning web and the dry cleaning web into contact with the surface.

Claim 2 (original): The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of:
during a cleaning cycle, moving the belt transport surface in a first direction and moving at least one web in contact with the transport surface in an opposite direction.

Claim 3 (original): The method as set forth in claim 1, comprising the further step of:
during a cleaning cycle, dispensing a cleaning fluid onto at least one region of the solvent-bearing cleaning web in contact with the transport surface.

Claim 4 (original): The method as set forth in claim 3, comprising the further step of:
engaging an opposing surface of the belt with at least one absorbent material wiper contraposed to at least one web in contact with the transport surface.

Claim 5 (original): The method as set forth in claim 4, the step of engaging further comprising:
pressing regions of the solvent-bearing cleaning web against the belt such that the solvent passes through perforations in the belt and is received by the wiper.

Claim 6 (original): The method as set forth in claim 2, further comprising the step of:

following a cleaning cycle, disengaging each web from the transport surface, and advancing each web such that an unused region of web material is positioned in non-contacting juxtaposition to the transport surface of the belt.

Claim 7 (original): The method as set forth in claim 2, comprising the step of:
independently advancing each web bringing fresh sections into contact with the transport surface of the belt.

Claim 8 (original): A transport belt cleaning apparatus comprising:
first web means for wet cleaning mounted adjacently an outer surface of the belt;
mounted downstream of the first web means, second web means for dry cleaning the outer surface;
means for selectively engaging the first and second web means with the outer surface.

Claim 9 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 8, the first web means comprising:
a roll of solvent-bearing web material having a first span region extended and adjacently spaced from a transporting surface of the belt, and
a take-up spool attached to the solvent-bearing web material upstream of the first span region.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 9, the second web means comprising:
a roll of absorbent web material having a second span region extended and adjacently spaced from a transporting surface of the belt, and

a take-up spool attached to the absorbent web material upstream of the second span region.

Claim 11 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 9, comprising:
means for dispensing cleaning solvent into the first span region.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:
in juxtaposition to the first web means, an absorbent material first wiper mounted adjacently spaced from an inner surface of the belt.

Claim 13 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 8, the means for selectively engaging further comprising:
associated with each web means, a lift, and
mounted in the lift, at least one pressure pad positioned for engaging the respective span region of the associated web means such that the pad exerts a force across one side of the web means span region to cause a contact pressure of an opposing side of the web against the outer surface of the belt.

Claim 14 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 8, comprising:
each the web is a consumable.

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 12, comprising:
the first wiper is a consumable piece-part.

Claim 16 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:
in juxtaposition to the second web means, an absorbent material second wiper mounted adjacently spaced from an inner surface of the belt.

Claim 17 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 16, comprising:
the second wiper is a consumable piece-part.

Claim 18 (original): The apparatus as set forth in claim 13, comprising:
each the pressure pad is a consumable.

Claims 19 – 33 (canceled)